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SUBJ: ALLEGED MUTINY OF BAADER-MEINHOF PRISONERS

1. SUMMARY: ON AUGUST 8, 1977 A BRAWL BETWEEN EIGHT BAADER-MEINHOF PRISONERS AND ABOUT 20 PRISON GUARDS TOOK PLACE WHEN THE LATTER TRIED TO LOCK A CELL DOOR IN ORDER TO PREVENT BAADER AND ENSSLIN FROM ENTERING A CELL TOGETHER. IN THE ENSUING SCUFFLE, APPARENTLY ALL OF THE PRISONERS AND GUARDS SUFFERED VARYING DEGREES OF INJURY. AS A CONSEQUENCE, PRISON MANAGEMENT HAS FORBIDDEN GATHERINGS IN THE HALL IN FRONT OF THE CELLS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE PRISONERS HAVE RESPONDED BY THREATING TO START A HUNGER AND THIRST STRIKE. END SUMMARY.

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2. ON AUGUST 8, EIGHT HARD-CORE BAADER-MEINHOF PRISONERS AND SOME 20 PRISON GUARDS FOUGHT EACH OTHER AT STAMMHEIM PRISON WHEN THE PRISONERS GATHERED OUTSIDE THEIR CELLS IN THE HALL FOR THEIR DAILY GET-TOGETHER, WHICH HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BY COURT DECISION. ON THAT OCCASION, BAADER AND ENSSLIN ALLEGEDLY TRIED TO LOCK THEMSELVES TOGETHER IN ONE CELL IN ORDER TO SPEND AN UNOBSERVED HOUR TOGETHER, AS PRISON AUTHORITIES

CONJECTURE. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE COURT DECISION, THE GATHERING OF THE EIGHT PRISONERS MAY TAKE PLACE ONLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A GUARD. WHEN THE PRISONERS TRIED FORCEFULLY TO PREVENT THE GUARDS FROM LOCKING THE DOORS, A BRAWL ENSUED AND OTHER GUARDS CAME TO HELP THEIR COLLEAGUE. THEY FORCED THE PRISONERS BACK INTO THEIR CELLS. REPORTEDLY ALL PRISONERS AND THE 20 GUARDS WERE CUT, BRUISED AND SCRATCHED IN VARYING DEGREES OF SEVERITY.

3. THE LAWYERS WHO CONTINUE DEFECTED DEFENSE ATTORNEY CROISSANT'S LAW PRACTICE IN DOWNTOWN STUTTGART CLAIMED THAT THE PRISONERS HAD BEEN BEATEN AND STRANGLER. THE PRISON ADMINISTRATION HAS REJECTED SUCH ALLEGATIONS, SAYING THAT "ONLY MINIMAL SIGNS OF THE BRAWL ARE VISIBLE ON THE PARTICIPANTS."

4. THE COMPETENT JUDGE AT THE OBERLANDESGERICHT STUTTGART, CONSIDERING THIS FIRST BRAWL BETWEEN THE BAADER-MEINHOF PRISONERS AND THE GUARDS A SERIOUS INCIDENT, HAD FORBIDDEN THE DAILY THREE-HOUR GATHERING OF THE EIGHT TERRORIST INMATES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. BECAUSE A "PRISONERS MUTINY" MIGHT LEGALLY BE INVOLVED, THE STAMMHEIM PRISON ADMINISTRATION HAS ASKED THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO INVESTIGATE. THE PRISONERS HAVE PROTESTED AGAINST THE ELIMINATION OF THEIR DAILY ASSEMBLY BY THREATENING TO START ANOTHER HUNGER AND THIRST STRIKE.

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5. COMMENT: THE HARD CORE OF THE SELF-STYLED "URBAN GUERRILLAS" CARRIES ON THE FIGHT FOR CONTINUING ORGANIZATIONAL SOLIDARITY UTILIZING AS IN THE PAST THE LONG-ESTABLISHED INFORMATION CHANNEL AND PROPAGANDA OFFICE OF THE COLLEAGUES OF LAWYER CROISSANT, WHO IS NOW UNDERGROUND AFTER HIS FLIGHT TO PARIS LAST MONTH. THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS INDICATED TO US HIS PERPLEXITY OVER THE OSTENSIBLY HUMANITARIAN RATIONALE FOR PERMITTING THE CONSOLIDATION AND DAILY REUNION OF KEY TERRORIST ELEMENTS AT STUTTGART-STAMMHEIM, WHICH PROVIDES THE CAST AND THE OCCASION OF SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS. APPARENTLY APPRECIATING THE DANGERS, FEDERAL PROSECUTOR REBMANN HAS RECENTLY INDICATED THAT SINCE THEIR CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONMENT ARE ADEQUATE WHERE THEY ARE, THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL TRANSFERS OF CONVICTED TERRORISTS TO STAMMHEIM. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, AND IN SPITE OF THE EXTRAORDINARILY GENEROUS CONDITIONS PROVIDED THE CONVICTED TERRORISTS IN THEIR WELL EQUIPPED AND SUPPLIED STAMMHEIM ACCOMMODATIONS, PROPAGANDA REGARDING THE "INHUMAN" ENVIRONMENT WILL APPARENTLY CONTINUE.

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